

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**APPENDIX TO CIVILITY PRINCIPLES**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I do solemnly swear (or affirm):

I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York; I will maintain the respect due to Courts of Justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any suit or proceeding which shall appear to me to be unjust nor any defense that I do not believe to be honestly debatable under the law of the land;

In maintaining the causes confided to me, I will employ only means that are honorable, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by an artifice or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidences and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client, and will accept compensation solely from the client or a third-party with the knowledge and approval of the client;

I will abstain from all offensive behavior and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor and reputation of a party or witness, unless my ethical duty requires;

I will in all other respects conduct myself personally and professionally in conformity with the high standards of conduct imposed upon members of the bar who practice law in this State and before this Court.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M. J. [unclear]", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "(Signature)" is printed in parentheses.

(Signature)